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*Whereas, The Indiana Department of Education conducts a special program to recognize the most exceptional classroom teacher in the state of Indiana;*

*Whereas, In accordance with National Teacher of the Year guidelines, one person is chosen annually to represent Indiana's 60,000 public school teachers and numerous nonpublic school teachers at the national level;*

*Whereas, Kurran Strunk is that teacher for 2001;*

*Whereas, The announcement of Kurran Strunk's selection as 2001 Indiana Teacher of the Year was made at a surprise ceremony at Muessel Elementary School, South Bend, Indiana, where she has taught emotionally handicapped, learning disabled, and mildly mentally handicapped children for seven years;*

*Whereas, Kurran Strunk was nominated for Indiana Teacher of the Year by Dr. Virginia Calvin, former South Bend Community School Corporation superintendent, who described Kurran as "one of those special individuals who truly are called to teach";*

*Whereas, Before being named the Indiana Teacher of the Year, Kurran Strunk was twice selected as Muessel's Teacher of the Year and was chosen as the South Bend Community*



*School Corporation's Teacher of the Year;*

*Whereas, Kurran Strunk had originally wanted to be the first woman president of the United States, but her goal changed when she became aware of a special education class in the fourth grade at St. Bavo Catholic School in Mishawaka, Indiana;*

*Whereas, Kurran Strunk graduated magna cum laude from Indiana State University and received her master's degree from Indiana University-South Bend;*

*Whereas, In addition to her teaching duties, Kurran Strunk sponsors the school cheerleaders, works with the United Way Youth United Penny Campaign, serves as a camp counselor for a special needs zoo camp, conducts staff development workshops, and serves as a facilitator for school inservice programs; and*

*Whereas, An exemplary teacher, Kurran Strunk represents the best of the teaching profession with her positive contributions, compassion, and enthusiasm, which are needed in the teaching profession today if our children are to succeed in the future: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to  
2       congratulate Kurran Strunk on her selection as the 2001 Indiana  
3       Teacher of the Year, to commend her on a job well done, and to wish  
4       her continued success in her future endeavors.

5       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Kurran Strunk and  
7       her family and to Carol Levee, principal of Muessel Elementary  
8       School.

